

Marco Polo (1254-1324) accompanied his father and uncle to China.

Traveling across Persia, Tartary & the Gobi Desert, they arrived at CHANDU in 1275 where Marco Polo won the high favor of Kublai Khan, who appointed him Governor of Yang Chow and later employed him in several missions.

1271-1295 journey
C. 1254-1324 Life

MARCO POLO - Venetian explorer famous
for his overland journey to China (1271-1295)
Reaching China in 1275 he served as envoy
of the ruler KUBLAI KHAN. He was appointed
Gov. of YANGCHOW for 3 years and assisted
in the capture of the city of Samarkand. He
returned home to Venice (1295) laden
with a treasure in precious stones. He
commanded a galley against the GENOISE

at the battle of CURZOLA (1298) and was captured. In prison, he wrote an important account of his travels which later inspired explorers such as Christopher COLUMBUS to search for a sea passage to the EAST.

1271

1912 Dates J-BK

Crusades

Nazareth was captured by
Prince Edward (later King EDWARD I)
of England.

1271

Arrived 1275

Marco Polo Travelled To The Far East

The Mongol empire vanished as swiftly as it arose. But it did serve to bring the Far East into commercial contact with the West. In 1271 Marco Polo set out overland with his father and uncle for Kublai's court in Peking. His father had already made a trading expedition to the Far East in 1266.

They arrived in 1275 and Marco became a favorite of the Khan, who employed him over the next 16 yrs, largely as a commercial factor. He

presence in China was not remarkable. The ~~Franco~~ ^{Franco} had founded a factory, wth trading post in ~~FAITON~~ ^{FAITON} Marco Polo's fame rests on the account that he published of his travels in ~~Il Malone~~ ^{Il Malone} (written in 1271). It is a detailed account of the manners, governments, and economics of the places that he visited.

For centuries it was almost the only source of information about paper money, coal, asbestos and others.

1271-1295

MARCO POLO

He visited Central Asia, China,
India, Persia.

1274-1275

Marco Polo of Venice travelled
to China.

1271

Marco Polo started on trip to Cathay

1271

Marco Polo begins 24-year
journey to court of Kublai Khan

1271-1292

Marco Polo in China

1271-1272

9th Crusade